

Remarks/Arguments:

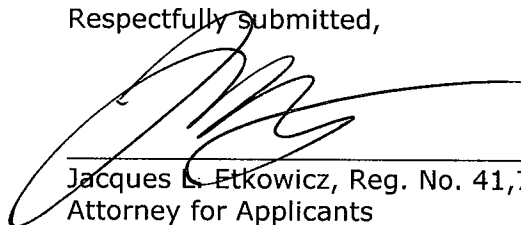
Claims 1-11 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being unpatentable over Minami et al. This rejection is obviated by the attached Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.132. Accordingly, a substantial response to the merits of the rejection is not necessary.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.132

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